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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231

Prior Application:

Examiner: Tamra Dicus

Art Unit: 1774

Sir:

This is a

- ☒ [] Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 CFR §1.53(d);
☒ [X] Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114
(prosecution of the application is closed in the sense of 37 CFR §1.114(b));
☐ [] Divisional Continuation Application (parent not abandoned) under
37 CFR §1.53(b);
☐ [] Divisional Application (parent being abandoned) under 37 CFR
§1.53(d);

of pending prior application Serial No. 09/803,941, filed March 13, 2001

for [Title as filed]: CERAMIC HONEYCOMB STRUCTURE

[Amended Title]: same

by [Inventors]: Koichi Ikeshima

1. [] A copy of the prior application is attached. This copy comprises a true copy of the prior application as filed (specification, claims, drawings, declaration). No amendments referred to in the declaration (if any) filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.
2. [] Abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application.

3. [X] The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS REMAINING IN AN APPLICATION AFTER ENTRY
OF ANY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT OR AMENDMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 NOTED BELOW

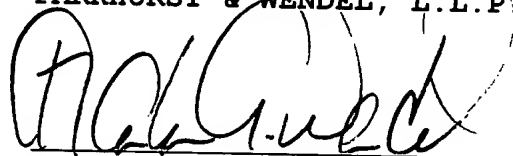
					Basic Fee
Total claims	7	-20 =	0 x \$18.00	(* 9.00) =	\$750.00
Independent claims	1	- 3 =	0 x \$84.00	(*42.00) =	-
Total Filing Fee.....				=	\$750.00

4. [X] A check in the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed (Ck# 16426).
THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY OTHER FEES
WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT
NO. 160331.
5. [] Cancel in this application claims of the prior application before
calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is
retained for filing purposes.
6. [] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the
sentence:
--This is a [] Continuation [] Division of application Serial No.
09/803,941 filed March 13, 2001.--
7. ✓ [X] Please enter in the present application the Amendment Under 37 CFR
§1.116 with any attachments filed on March 3, 2003 in said prior
application which was not entered therein.
8. [X] Priority of foreign application(s) No. 2000-070250, filed March 14,
2000 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- [X] The certified copy was filed in prior application No. 09/803,941
on June 7, 2001.
- [] A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is
filed herewith.
9. [X] The prior application is assigned of record to NGK INSULATORS, LTD.
Recorded at Reel 011609, Frame 0134.

10. [X] The power of attorney in the prior application is to Roger W. Parkhurst, Registration No. 25,177 and Charles A. Wendel, Registration No. 24,453:
- [X] a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- [] b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- [X] c. Address all future communications to
- PARKHURST & WENDEL, L.L.P.
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11. [X] An Application Data Sheet is enclosed.
12. [] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed herewith.
13. [] An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
14. [X] This application is not entitled to Small Entity Status.

Respectfully submitted,

PARKHURST & WENDEL, L.L.P.



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